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MN BULLETIN 180-6-6

**SUBJECT: CPA-HANDLING SWAMPBUSTER AD-1026 REQUESTS AND
REFERRALS**

Purpose: The purpose of this email is to reinforce guidance given to you previously from your applicable Area ASTC(FO) to all MN NRCS field offices.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2006.

In previous teleconferences and written electronic guidance to State Office Principal Staff, ASTC(FO), ARCs, and Wetland Specialists, the following Farm Bill Swampbuster decisions and implementation guidance was given and is to be followed.

Our current MN NRCS Farm Bill policy position is that a Ag producer filling out an AD-1026 DOES NOT constitute a request for a certified wetlands determination. Remember, prior to June 2005 a certified wetlands determination was triggered only by a voluntary producer request on a form NRCS-CPA-038 or a whistleblower complaint on a FSA-569. This is exactly where we are today. In other words, do follow guidance in the NFSAM as currently written (Not any draft manual!). Do not follow changes triggered by previous national bulletins 180-5-4 and 6. Those earlier bulletins and their guidance have been rescinded and are NOT to be followed.

All employees are expected to strictly follow this policy guidance in handling AD-1026 requests and referrals from MN Ag Producers.

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